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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Information Disclosure Statement of J. R. Hackett, Jr. et al., in the above-identified patent application entitled, NOVEL CONSTRUCTS USEFUL IN THE DETECTION AND DIFFERENTIATION OF ANTIBODIES TO HIV.

Also enclosed are:

1. Form PTO 1449 (One (1) page)

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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3)

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Dear Sir:

The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98 in accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed.

The references submitted are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed. Review is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is asked to place his/her initials next to each reference listed on the form to indicate that the reference was considered.

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits of the application, it is believed that, under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), no fee is due in connection herewith.

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